

The Watchman and Southron

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EXAMINE YOUR DATES.

We request each of our subscribers to examine the address on his paper, and particularly to observe the date upon it. This date shows the time up to which the paper has been paid for. Many of our subscribers will not see that they have paid in advance; or that there are many others who will discover that they have not.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

H. B. Tindal—Lost or Stolen.
F. B. Folsom & Bro.—Royal St. John.
J. Rytenberg & Sons—In the Spring.
W. R. Delgar—Delinquent Land Sales.
The H. B. Barker Medicine Co.—Barker's Iron Tonic.
Bradfield Regulator Co.—Bradfield's Female Regulator.
For Sale—Very Desirable Residence and Farm at Marion, S. C.

Personal.

Mr. W. G. Kennedy is better.
Mr. D. R. McCallum will soon be out again.
Miss Emmie Pope has returned to Charleston.

Dr. Frank Moore, of Augusta, has been on a visit to Sumter.

Miss Mamie Houghton, has gone in the country on a visit to her grandmother.

Miss Constance Furman, of Greenville, is on a visit to Miss Eliza Cooper.

Miss Lou Pate has gone to Florence on a visit to Rev. Thos. J. Pate.

Col. Broadhead, who has been quite sick with a severe attack of rheumatism, is better.

Mr. Oliver DeLant, who has been quite sick with rheumatism, is better.

The swelling in his throat burst last night.

Rev. H. F. Christenberry arrived in Sumter on last Monday evening and remained until the next evening when he left for Charleston.

His beaming countenance exhilarated everybody and everything in our office on last Tuesday morning. Time only increases his many noble qualities.

The Chautauque Society meets to-night.

The Town Council have extended Harvin street to the limits of the corporation.

We are informed that Mr. Cohen Wilson intends to remodel the store which Mr. Altamont Moore occupies, and make it a "thing of beauty."

The Barrett corner is now being cleared off, preparatory to the erection of a store on the same by Messrs. F. P. Teicher and Joseph Barrett.

The Hook and Ladder Truck has arrived and is now at the depot. The Town Council will turn it over to the Red Jacket Fire Company.

The Planters' Ware House has been leased for three years from Gen. E. W. Moore by Messrs. Isaac and Charles Schwartz, who will begin business in the same next Fall.

The work of remodeling it will soon be commenced.

An original cantata will be performed by the T. K. A. society of the Eclectic College, at the Music Hall, about the first of May, for the purpose of furnishing books for their library.

The young men of Darlington will give a German affair the performance on that evening, and a glorious time is in store for all who will go from Sumter.

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Quite a number of the citizens of this County came to Sumter on last Friday for the purpose of attending the "sale of the Texas ponies" at Base Ball Park. Nobody was at home on that day, as far as the town folks were concerned. All were at the sale.

The Sumter Institute, the Eclectic College, and the Sumter High School were out in full force, and attracted almost as much attention as the "wild horses of the West" did.

The most noticeable feature of the exhibition was the dust which completely effaced the beautiful powder on the faces of a good many who were present on that day. About 11 o'clock a little well-bred pony was turned into the ring in front of the Grand Stand for exhibition. Cowboy Hogan, who looked less spirited than the pony, with lasso in hand chased the aforesaid animal around the ring three or four times and lassoed him with the greatest ease.

After this the sale opened and Auctioneer Jerry was at his best, and he sold the ponies for what they were worth. They sold for an average of about \$42 apiece.

The pony, which Mr. W. S. Chandler bought, has broken its collar bone in one of its escapades. The one which Mr. H. R. Thomas bought, had a colt, and, also, one of the three which Mr. E. H. Holman bought had a colt, which is as spotted as a leopard.

Death.

Mr. Wesley Bradford died on last Thursday night. His remains were interred in the family burial grounds on the Singleton place on last Saturday. The deceased was beloved for his many noble qualities by all who knew him.

Isaac Jones, colored, died on last Saturday of Consumption. He was generally known in Sumter as "Big Isaac." Several years ago he fell from a building on which he was working in the town of Manning, and from that time until his death his health was bad.

J. W. Webber, colored, of Mechanicsville, lost an infant child on the 11th instant.

Suicide.

The dead body of Mr. John J. Jennings was found on last Saturday morning in the woods not far from the Stateburg Road. There was a deep cut in the right side of his throat, and his own pocket knife was found at his side. He had been a great sufferer with a disease which gave him times of excruciating pain. He left home on last Wednesday morning and on his departure said to his family that he intended to spend a few days with a neighbor. It is thought that he had one of his attacks in the woods where his body was found, and while suffering under the agony of pain he committed suicide.

Coroner W. F. Rhambe held the inquest on Saturday afternoon and the verdict was that the deceased committed suicide.

Religious.

Mr. Editor: Will you allow me to announce through your columns the following appointments for Rev. Watson B. Duncan, who is to take charge of the Harvin's Circuit the first of April:

First Sunday, 11 A. M., Jordan.

First Sunday, 2 P. M., Piratere.

Second Sunday, 11 A. M., Lewis Chapel.

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Other appointments will be made later.

The first quarterly meeting will be held at Lewis Chapel on the second Saturday, and Sunday in April.

Mr. Duncan is a young man just from Wofford College who comes down to take charge of this new work. We look for large results from his ministry here.

J. S. BEASLEY.

There was no preaching in the Presbyterian Church on last Sunday evening.

O, yes! O, yes! Now this Honorable Court on Wednesday, April 20th, will try that wicked man for breaking his engagement with a sweet and innocent girl. Yes, ladies and gentlemen of Sumter, on the evening of April 20th the pathetic little Cantata, entitled "Trial By Jury," will be rendered in Music Hall in deliciously sweet and bewitching music and song by the best home talent. Dr. D. J. Auld has charge of the Operatic Troupe.

"The Comrades."

Those wishing to accompany the ladies and gentlemen who will play "Comrades" in Darlington on April 12th, can procure round trip tickets for \$2.64. It will be a delightful little trip, and a good many are speaking of going.

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"The Half is Not Told."

Rytenberg & Sons have taken the lead this Spring and they intend to sweep the field. They propose to sell their immense Spring stock at hard-pan prices. Their reputation with them now and not money, ladies. Their Spring stock is the largest, the finest and of the latest designs ever brought to this market. Every department in their beautiful store is filled with the choicest goods. Their corps of polite and trained salesmen are now anxious to prove this assertion to the good people of this and the neighboring Counties. And right let us say to the country merchants that they can buy all the goods they want and need from the establishment of Rytenberg & Sons at wholesale prices.

This is the only establishment, outside of Charleston that we know of, which has a resident buyer in the City of New York; and consequently the latest importations are received weekly by Rytenberg & Sons.

One of the chief features of the establishment of Rytenberg & Sons is the Clothing Department. Here you will find Mr. Aaron Phelps, whose smiling and intelligent face and charming manner is no less a feature of itself than the Department of which he is in charge. If he cannot suit your fastidious taste in the selection of a suit of clothes, then there is no use in trying to be suited anywhere else, young men of Sumter County.

The T. K. A. Society

The performance of the T. K. A. Society on last Thursday evening has been very much praised by those present on that occasion. This Society is certainly fast approaching perfection in the execution of their efforts at their regular monthly meetings. The following is the programme:

Duet—"Valse Hongroise,"—Misses Olive Malette and Olive Hoyt.

Sketch of Macaulay—Miss Emmie Hawkins.

Instrumental Solo—"Sparkling Polka,"—Miss Lizzie Ferriter.

Reading—"The Battle of Monocentour,"—Miss Mary Brown.

Duet—"Rondeau,"—Misses Claude Girardeau and Leila Nash.

Recitation—"How They Brought the Good News from Ghent to Aix,"—Miss Carrie Moore.

Duet—"Romance" From Traviata,—Misses Lizzie Moore and Claude Girardeau.

Recitation—Miss Claude Girardeau and Prof. L. W. Dick.

Instrumental Solo—"The Last Hope,"—Miss Claude Girardeau.

Entertainment in Music and Song.

The entertainment given at the Sumter Institute on last Thursday evening was a triumph in music and song. So much so that the exercises of the evening seemed to have been blessed by the Goddess of these fine arts.

Institute Hall was filled to its utmost seating capacity, and as each piece was rendered in exquisite perfection, the large and enthusiastic audience evinced their appreciation of the same by repeated rounds of applause. The entertainment was a grand success in fact, and unstinted praises and compliments have been bestowed upon the principals and scholars of the Sumter Institute. The following is the programme:

Inst. Solo—"Pure as Snow,"—Miss Lily Delgar.

Inst. Duet—"Polka Militaire,"—Misses Howard and Gregg.

Inst. Solo—"Patriotic Song,"—Miss Hallie Carson.

Inst. Duet—"High School March,"—Misses Ewell and Spano.

Inst. Solo—"Shepherd Boy,"—Miss Nettie Pringle.

Inst. Duet—"Beauties of Paradise,"—Misses Cuttino.

Inst. Solo—"Waves of the Ocean Galop,"—Miss Ellie Earle.

Song—"When Charlie plays the Drum,"—Miss Mattie Carson.

Inst. Duet—"Selections from Martha,"—Misses Thomas and Dickson.

Inst. Solo—"Roses Dream of Spring,"—Miss Fannie McKague.

Inst. Duet—"Charge of the Cavalry,"—Misses Barron and Walsh.

Inst. Solo—"Warblings at Eve,"—Miss Lily Fraser.

Song—"Eileen Allanna,"—Mrs. Bacot.

Inst. Solo—"Silvery Waves,"—Miss Mamie McCallum.

"Gobble Song,"—Misses Earle and Bacot.

Inst. Solo—"Annie Laurie,"—Miss Mamie Edmunds.

Chorus—"Selections from the Bells of Corville."

Miss Annie Galliard, recited the "New Church Organ," by request, and it was much enjoyed.

Our Exchanges.

Mr. W. J. McCall has retired from the Marion Star, which is now edited by Junius H. Evans, Esq., of the Marion Bar, with Mr. C. B. Smith as local editor. Mr. McCall is a spirited bold writer and filled with distinction the editorial chair. His successor is the editor of the Marion Star.

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Something You Need—Shortland.

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A Letter From Heriot's X Roads.

Heriot's X Roads, March 15, 1887.

Mr. Editor: Now nothing more to face the issue, by resorting to every legitimate device to state of a slow dissolution, last evening I retired after a highly colored picture given to me of the Land of Flowers, a perfect elysium, the veritable El Dorado, behold I fell asleep and dreamed a dream (a bona fide thing) and found myself to my great surprise an inmate of Heaven, but pursuing my daily avocation—tilling the soil, having invested in land, in that region of "pure delight," at the rate of 75 cents per acre. Labor I found plentiful, a host of poor white people and "niggers," all busily engaged in trimming trees. It is worthy of remark, that I did not see a single one of my acquaintances who at this juncture could produce a \$5 bill as his assets. Not a single rich man made himself visible.

Please, interpret this dream. If, as usual, a dream goes by contraries, then I am in a dire plight, and my worst enemy might drop a tear upon my bier. This vision of my own, may at last be taken as a faint expression of the very low state of spirits in this locality, and upon the top of all this, the measles is rife in our midst.

VISIONARY.

Mr. R. O. Dixon, has made an assignment to O. C. Scarborough, in favor of his creditors.—Bishopville Enterprise.

P. G. Bowman, Esq., is seriously thinking of purchasing property here.—Bishopville Enterprise.

Lost Treasure Found.

Long before Mrs. Stowe began to arrange or even perhaps to gather materials for the work by which her name will be forever remembered, Mrs. Horace Mann had written a tale of West Indian life in which the subject, slavery, held the foremost place, as slavery must whenever and wherever it touches human life in fiction or history.

That book is now to be read; and the world is entitled to know how it came to be written and then withheld so long.

These are the words of the venerable sister, Miss Elizabeth P. Peabody, addressed to Mr. Lathrop:

"Theory is a fiction; but the principal characters and the most important incidents are real—it was this that made the author keep back the book from publication till all were dead.

"The last one who died was a child of five or six at the time. He died a dead in his later life that lighted up the tragedy with a moral glory that completed the book as a work of art—the part that touches on the slavery was written."

"It was the merest accident that the work was not published before my sister's death, as she earnestly desired it should be, for it delineated some of the actual observations she made at the awakening of her mind to the great subject which so soon shook the whole fabric of our society, but which in 1850 was only beginning to agitate us. Boston had not yet taken place, I think till '35 or '6."

"The book was written with no moral object in view, but, as she used to say, it wrote itself on her soul, and was transcribed as a relief."

When Mrs. Mann was ready to publish, the last of the real characters having passed away, the manuscript could not be found. It had only been mislaid, however, and after her death it came to light.

"Juana, a Romance of Real Life in Cuba," is the title. [Pronounced *whone-tail*].

The beginning is a festive scene in a valley of peace a little inland in Africa. The natives had heard of, but had never seen, the white man. The white man was to them a slave. He came with the rattle of firearms, which were lightning and thunderbolts to the simple savages. Death, capture, ship, the lonely coast, Havana, the slave himself, his home, family, visitors—and the tale is begun.

It shall not be told in our poor words. The book is written (the name of the distinguished author might stand for that) with equal strength of mind and feeling. A slave tale of another country, but the time and place are so different, that the reader will find it a new world.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin." The writer the scarcely less distinguished wife of the man who may be said in a way to have led New England forty years ago, and who has only now been published shortly by D. Lothrop Company Boston.

The Duty of State Legislatures.